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Nerissa Nelson was appointed to the Women's Council in 2019. She is originally from Chicago and moved to Stevens Point, WI in 1998. Currently, she is a Librarian/Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and has been a professional librarian for over 20 years in both academic and corporate library settings. She coordinates events and outreach for the UWSP Library, oversees resources for those seeking grants, provides students with tools and skills required to build and advance their research skills, and supports faculty research. She is currently chairing the Common Council shared governance body at UW-Stevens Point for a two-year appointment.

Nerissa was elected as co-president of the Stevens Point Academic Representation Council, the faculty and academic staff union on the UWSP campus. She has been an active union member for 8 years and has been involved in shared governance and other service work on the UWSP campus for 17 years.

Nerissa recently retired as a ballet instructor (formerly performed with regional ballet companies in Chicago and Boston) teaching at various studios in the Central Wisconsin area. She has been locally active in politics and the arts, and has been involved as a board member in local non-profits arts organizations in the Portage County area of Wisconsin for the last 20 years.

Nerissa holds a M.A. in Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, a M.A. in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a B.A. in Journalism from Columbia College in Chicago.